



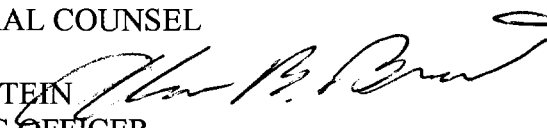
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Washington, DC 20585

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February 5, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL M. BORGSTROM, DIRECTOR  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT  
POLICY AND COMPLIANCE  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: ALAN B. BROWNSTEIN   
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE  
WASTE MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)  
Planning Summary for 2008

As required by Department of Energy Order 451.1B and requested by David R. Hill's December 21, 2007, memorandum, attached is the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) Annual NEPA Planning Summaries. The summaries provide information on the status of our ongoing NEPA compliance activities, and indicate that we do not plan to prepare any new environmental assessments in the next 12 months or environmental impact statements in the next 24 months.

Also, as part of a three-year cycle, OCRWM evaluated whether a site-wide environmental impact statement would facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts and determined that such a document would not facilitate compliance efforts.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding our NEPA Planning Summaries, please call Dr. Jane R. Summerson, OCRWM NEPA Compliance Officer, at (702) 794-1493.

4 Attachments



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# Annual NEPA Planning Summary Status of Ongoing NEPA Compliance Activities: Environmental Impact Statements

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

January 31, 2008

*Title, Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated Schedule		Description
<b>Supplemental Rail Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)</b>		Determination Date:	Oct-06	During the public scoping process for the Rail Alignment EIS, DOE received comments suggesting that other rail corridors be considered, in particular, the Mina route. In the Yucca Mountain Final EIS, DOE had considered but eliminated the Mina route from detailed study because a rail line within the Mina route could only connect to an existing rail line in Nevada by crossing the Walker River Paiute Reservation, and the Tribe had informed DOE that it would not allow nuclear waste to be transported across the reservation. Following review of the scoping comments, DOE held discussions with the Walker River Paiute Tribe and, in May 2006, the Tribal Council informed DOE that it would allow the Department to consider the potential impacts of constructing and operating a railroad to transport spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste across its reservation. The Nevada Rail Corridor SEIS analyzes the Mina corridor at a level of detail commensurate with that of the rail corridor analysis in the Yucca Mountain Final EIS and updates relevant information regarding three other rail corridors previously analyzed.
		NOI:	Oct-06	
		Scoping:	Dec-06	
		Draft	Oct-07	
		Hearings	Nov-07	
		Final	Jun-08	
	\$3,000,000	ROD	Jul-08	
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	\$7,400,000	ROD	N/A	
Total Estimated Cost				
\$22,400,000.00				

## Annual NEPA Planning Summary Environmental Assessments Expected to be Prepared in the Next 12 Months

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

January 31, 2008

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		Transmittal to State:		
		EA Approval:		
		FONSI:		
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# **Annual NEPA Planning Summary Environmental Impact Statements Expected to be Prepared in the Next 24 Months**

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